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Harmony Notes



Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HBCSPC will be at **12:00 noon on Saturday, September 22, 2001** at the Mason County Fairgrounds in Shelton, Washington (at the dog show). The meeting will be held at the HBCSPC set-up.

The meeting will move indoors if weather dictates.

Message from the President

I have been struggling with the "President's Message" for over a week. This month has been a tremendous month of highs and lows for our club and our club members. I have two important pieces of news to share with all of you—news that will impact all of us in the months and years to come.

First—WE ARE OFFICIAL! On Tuesday, August 14th, the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America Board of Directors voted **unanimously** to affiliate the Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club. That means that we are well on our way to fulfilling requirements to begin the licensing process with the American Kennel Club. Our first steps will include holding club fun

matches and hosting a CSPCA Regional Specialty this next spring. We have accomplished a great deal, in a short period of time—and we can certainly be proud of that! We have a lot of work ahead of us, but the silver lining in all of this is that we have a lot of manpower to accomplish much, much more. I feel confident that we can make a great contribution to the Shar-Pei world and to the dog fancy. Each one of you has made this possible!

Secondly, with a very heavy heart, I announce the loss of one of our founding members, Katherine McKusick, on Friday, August 24th. It is difficult to remain jubilant about our affiliated status, when we are immedi-

ately faced with the death of someone so young. Katherine was only 27 years old.....and I know of no one who loved dogs more than she. I will miss Katherine's laugh; I will miss Katherine's devotion to her family; I will miss Katherine's sense of humor; and most of all, I will miss Katherine's ability to make everyone around her smile. Rest in peace at the Rainbow Bridge, Katherine.....you have many loved ones waiting for you with loving arms.

Cyndi =-)

The Big News!

Harmony Bay Gets CSPCA Affiliation!!

On August 14, 2001, the Harmony Bay Chinese Shar-Pei Club became affiliated with the Chinese Shar-Pei Club of America.

Cyndi Skinner, Steve Best, and Deb Lewy worked to put together an affiliation binder that was mailed to each

CSPCA board member—14 in all. Then, Cyndi was invited to join in the conference-call CSPCA board meeting on August 14. The purpose of Cyndi being at the teleconference was to answer any questions the board might have about the club or its cur-

rent membership or board.

After questioning, the CSPCA board was unanimous that the HBCSPC should become affiliated! This is the first step in having us put on a regional specialty show next year.





Minutes from the Last Meeting

Place: King County Fairgrounds, Enumclaw

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Present: Cyndi Skinner, Savannah Skinner, Kim Howick, Deb Lewy, Steve Best; Todd Skinner, Maury Sachsenmaier, Tony Carter, David Lewy, Robin Groves, Dee Dee Wells, Devis Lewy, Linda Graling

Cyndi called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

There were no minutes from the last board meeting to read (no board meeting this month). Deb read the general meeting minutes from the general meeting held on 7/21/01 at Timberland Library. Steve motioned to accept the minutes as read. Kim seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

President's Report

Flowers for Katherine

McCusick: Cyndi announced that the HBCSPC board had voted to send flowers and a teddy bear to Katherine McCusick, one of our members who is critically ill in the hospital. Cyndi asked that the club pick up the cost of these flowers, around \$65. (Deb ordered the flowers and paid for them). Linda Graling moved, and Maury seconded this motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

Affiliation Report: Cyndi showed the binder that was sent as an affiliation packet to every board member of the CSPCA. The HBCSPC affiliation got on the ballot on August 14, 2001. We were affiliated with a unanimous vote from the CSPCA board.

Membership Booklet.

Cyndi handed out the mem-

bership booklet that she developed to send to all HBCSPC members. She will mail the packets to those who were not at the meeting.

CSPCA August Board

Meeting: Cyndi discussed the CSPCA board meeting, including the code of ethics, changes in sweepstakes judge qualifications, CSPCA Web site, etc. (Minutes for this board meeting are posted on SmartGroups.)

Licensing & Accreditation with AKC: Cyndi reported that after we hold events for a year, we can apply to be licensed by AKC. In 7 months, we could hold our first show, which would be in conjunction with Timberland Valley Dog Fanciers Club this next March in Centralia. Cyndi and Steve will work with Chuck Suda to get a show packet ready.

Fun Match: Cyndi suggested that we have our own fun match since ARBA is not being responsive. This would be held October 6, 2001, at Tumwater Falls Park.

Secretary's Report. Deb reported on members who had sent in applications, plus those who still needed to pay their membership dues. She indicated that we had received the HBCSPC business license this past week. We currently have 28 families and 46 members, with 3 members to be voted on at this meeting.

Treasurer's Report. Deb reported that we currently have \$626.75 in our account. Our printed checks arrived, and Deb passed them around. They have the Harmony Bay

logo on them.

Election of New Members.

Deb read three new applications: For Monica and Pancho Whitney, for Chris Witmer, and for Cathie Dayton. Steve motioned to accept these applications for membership, and Deb seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

Insurance. Kim received packets from Embry and Sportsman's. We will not need the insurance until our first show.

Breed booth. Deb reported that David got the PVC pipe and put together the frame for the booth. It is too big to fit in a typical 10' x 10' space at dog shows (it is 12' across now). David indicated he could cut the booth down. David made a motion to make the booth frame smaller and Steve seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously. David will work on making the booth frame fit into a 10' x 10' space.

New Business

Linda Graling gave Deb a check for \$689.32 from the "Oregon Friends of Chinese Shar-Pei." This money will be deposited in the HBCSPC account. Deb will send a formal thank-you letter to Linda and Don for the donation.

Linda Graling moved that we adjourn the meeting. Dee Dee Wells seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Brag jar: \$7.00

Complete minutes of the August 19 general meeting will be posted on SmartGroups, along with specific motions and voting.

Treasurer's Report

Report submitted as of August 31, 2001, by Deb Lewy

Balance as of July 31, 2001
\$607.80

Deposit 8/16	
Memberships	\$60.00
Deposit 8/20	
-Membership	25.00
-Oregon Friends	689.32
-Brag Jar, 8/19	7.00
-Interest, July	.11
Deposit 8/20	
- Membership	20.00

Total Income **\$801.43**

EXPENSES—8/1—8/31/01

SKC Trophy	(\$ 8.00)
Barker Ad layout	(25.00)
Postage, July	(8.16)
Charitable Trust*	(50.00)
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	(\$ 91.16)

Total Income	\$801.43
Total Expenses	(91.16)

In Account: **\$1,308.07**

**In memory of Katherine McCusick*

Healing Woody

Chris and Mike Witmer got their first Shar-Pei, a fawn horsecoat male, in 1995. "We went to pick up a girl," says Chris, "and every time we talked to Gus, he would cock his head at us! We ended up bringing Gus home."

Gus had problems from the start—he was bought from a backyard breeder, and Chris and Mike didn't have much information. First, he had his eyes tacked. Then, he developed the familiar fever/swollen hock.

The Witmers had test after test done on Gus, but no vet knew what his problem was. Gus finally had a stroke at 5-1/2 years old, and had to be put down.

"We had no intention of getting a Shar-Pei after what happened to Gus," says Chris. She had been sending emails to various breeders to try to understand what happened to Gus. One of the breeders, in

southern Oregon, sent Chris some photos of puppies. She was sold.

Chris and Mike got Woody at 3 months of age, a lovely fawn brushcoat. At five months, Woody suddenly developed a high fever that could not be brought down. He also had a swollen hock.

While the vet said it might be Shar-Pei fever, he was not ruling out other diseases at this stage. He put Woody on antibiotics for 10 days. That seemed to "fix" the problem.

It was at this time that Chris noticed that Woody was scratching his eyes. Two eye tacks later, done by a veterinary specialist, helped reduce the ulcers on his eyes.

Even after the surgeries, Woody—now with a healthy appetite and energy—would have puffy eyes. Chris began to wonder about allergies.

Chris started Woody on over-the-counter allergy drops

for his eyes. But she went a step further. Into naturopathic healing for years, Chris started Woody on Melaleuca children's vitamins and ProVex Plus—a grape seed extract that helps with allergies and inflammation.

Melaleuca health products have special delivery system to the body that ensures that 90 percent of the vitamins are fully absorbed.

With the eye drops, vitamins, and grape seed, Woody is back to having clear, bright eyes. He has not had any other episodes of swollen hock or fever.

Chris is now experimenting with changing Woody's diet to see if she can reduce or eliminate the eye drops. After years of seeing vets, it looks like Woody is on the path to much better health!

For information on the natural Melaleuca products, contact HBCSPC member Chris Witmer at

ChristineWitmer@aol.com.



Fast Fact!

On May 4, 1988 the Chinese Shar-Pei was accepted into the American Kennel Club (AKC) Miscellaneous Class, and into the Non-Sporting Group on August 1, 1992.



Woody is healthy and happy!

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Chinese Shar-Pei Club

Member Wags 'n Brags



Nisqually Kennel Club, August 11

Breed: Bud McGivern
Group—Randy Garren

BOB/Group 4: CH Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart—Tony Carter
WD/BOW: Hollywood's My Buddy—Monica Whitney & Pancho Whitney
RWB: Rumples Takes The World By Storm—Cyndi Skinner

Nisqually Kennel Club, August 12

Breed: George Heitzman
Group: Lynnwood Walton

BOB/Group 4: CH Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart—Tony Carter
WB/BOW/BOS: Rumples Takes The World By Storm—Cyndi Skinner
WD: Hollywood's My Buddy—Monica & Pancho Whitney

Northern Washington Chinese Shar-Pei Club, August 25

Sweeps: Denis Springer
Conformation: Carolyn Herbel
Best BC Puppy: Rumples Just Lock 'N Load—Cyndi Skinner
Best Opp. BC Puppy: Toko's Winter Rose of IR—Maury Sachsenmaier & Tony Carter

Best HC Puppy: Hollywood's Puttin' On The Ritz—Monica Whitney
WD: Rumples Just Lock 'N Load—Cyndi Skinner
RWD: Rumples Brave The Millennium, Cyndi Skinner
WB/BOW: Golding Keep The Edge Margem—Dee Dee Wells & Dejan Buhovac
BOB: CH. Toko's Ruger Aim for the Hart—Tony Carter
BOS: CH. Flying Colors Tzeitel Rehgoou—Teresia Saylor & Terri Jones
Best Veteran—CH. Sheng Li Extra Crunch—Savanna Skinner & Dee Dee Wells
Best Junior Handler: Savanna Skinner

Sammamish Kennel Club, August 26

RWD—Rumples Just Lock 'N Load
WB: Toko's Winter Rose Of IR—Maury Sachsenmaier
BOB/Group 1: CH. Toko's Ruger Aim For The Hart—Tony Carter
BOS: CH. Flying Colors Tzeitel Rehgoou—Teresia Saylor & Terri Jones

Congratulations to all winners!



Our deepest condolences to the Michaelson family, who lost their beloved daughter and sister, Katherine McCusick, on August 24, from pneumonia.